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EASINGWOLD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT.

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and the

SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR &
SURVEYOR.

for the

Year " 1956.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

The Whole of the Council.

CHAIRMAN.

Councillor G. Warriner.

VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Councillor W. N. Gill.

STAFF OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Medical Officer of Health.

H. GRAY, M.D. Ch.B. D.P.H.

Senior Public Health Inspector and Surveyor (Wholetime).

J. E. BLAKEWAY, C.R.S.H. M.P.H.I.A.

Certificates held:

Royal Society of Health.

- (a) Public Health Inspector.
- (b) Inspector of Meat and other foods.

Additional Public Health Inspector & Deputy Surveyor (Wholetime).

E. CANHAM, C.R.S.H. & P.H.I.E.J.B. M.P.H.I.A.

Certificates held:

Royal Society of Health.

- (a) Public Health Inspector.
- (b) Inspector of Meat and other foods.
- (c) National Certificate in Building.

Clerical Staff:

Miss M. E. Curry (General Clerk).

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EASINGWOLD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I beg to submit to you my report on the health and sanitary circumstances of the district.

Infectious Diseases. Notifications were comparatively light, and during the past few years the incidence of Measles had tended to follow the trend seen in the large towns. Alternate years are "measles" years, and 1956 was one in which the incidence was low. There was a small outbreak of Scarlet Fever in November - December in the Helperby-Brafferton district. This year was noted for the commencement of immunisation against poliomyelitis and it is with some satisfaction that one can record an extremely high proportion of our residents who registered their children for this protection. about - 60% of eligible children were registered although at the time there had been no experience of this vaccine in England. The desire to secure the best possible care and protection for one's children is surely a measure of an enlightened and intelligent populace. During work in schools and infant welfare clinics it is quite rare to meet the parent who "doesn't believe in immunisation". Unfortunately only a small proportion of children were able to be vaccinated against poliomyelitis, and one must await 1957 or even later before the supply of vaccine equals the demand. So far the figures for the country show that the vaccine is of undoubted value and will save a number of lives and prevent much suffering and deformity. It is, however as well to utter a word of caution lest the enthusiasm for polio vaccination cause the number of children protected against diphtheria and Whooping Cough to fall. One wonders how far off is immunisation against measles.

Again our infant deaths are high, numbering 8, but 6 of these were within 2 days of birth and are in the main connected with the hazards of the birth process. 6 of the 8 deaths were in hospital. There has been no death of a mother in childbirth for several years. On the whole one can say that the year of 1956 was a satisfactory one.

I am, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H. G. Ay.

Medical Officer of Health.

EASINGWOLD RURAL DISTRICT.

ANNUAL REPORT.

of the Medical Officer of Health.

for the year, 1956.

General Statistics.

Area of the District.....	74,363.
Registrar General's estimate of population mid-1956.....	12,540.
Number of Dwellinghouses.....	3,245
Rateable Value to 1st April, 1956.....	£91,221.
Sum represented by a penny rate.....	£237. 12. 11.

<u>Births.</u>	<u>1955.</u>	<u>1956.</u>
Total (Live and Still births).....	183.	176.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Legitimate.	73.	94.
Illegitimate.	2.	4.
	75.	98.

Crude Birth Rate (per 1,000 population.)....	14.4	13.8
Standardised Birth Rate.....	15.5	14.9

<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>		
Legitimate.	2.	1.		
Illegitimate.	-	-		
	2.	1.	3.	3.

Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 live and Still Births	16.4	17.0
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No. 2.

<u>DEATHS.</u>	<u>1955.</u>	<u>1956.</u>
Male.....	79	66
Female.....	55	62
	<u>134.</u>	<u>128.</u>
Crude death rate (per 1,000 Population)	10.5	10.2
Standardised death rate...	10.1	10.2
Deaths of Infants under 1 yr of age	7	8
Rate per 1,000 live births.	38.2	46.3

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Legitimate.	4	4
Illegitimate.	-	-
	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age.

Legitimate.	3	4
Illegitimate.	-	-
	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

<u>Number of Deaths from:-</u>	<u>1955.</u>	<u>1956.</u>
Measles.....	0.	0.
Whooping Cough.....	0.	0.
Cancer.....	25.	19.
Pneumonia.....	2.	6.
Poliomyelitis.....	0.	0.
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	0.	0.
Other forms of Tuberculosis...	0.	1.

SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Easingwold Rural District is almost entirely an agricultural community. Apart from a Royal Air Force Station and a large settlement of European refugees the inhabitants are engaged chiefly in agriculture. There is a small factory employing female labour in Easingwold occupied in burling and mending piece goods manufactured near Huddersfield, and to the factory and other small concerns in the district your Medical Officer of Health acts also in the capacity of Factory Doctor.

There is no unemployment problem in the district and whilst wages and material standards do not reach those attained in many of the manufacturing towns, there are many balancing advantages, not the least of these being an atmosphere free from measurable pollution.

HOUSING.

Our waiting list continues to be lengthy in spite of the completion of 20 houses by the Council and 11 by private enterprise. The Council have been generous in its provision of financial assistance to owners to recondition property. During the year a total of £8,647. 0. 0. in respect of 41 improvement grants was approved. Individual unfit houses continue to be represented and the families rehoused where necessary.

WATER SUPPLY.

This continued adequate in quantity using both our own sources in the Kilburn area, and supplemented by water from the Ryedale Joint Board of which the Council is a constituent member. Both waters are of good quality although hard. The Ministry made an enquiry during the year into our water undertaking, but it is difficult to see how any re-organisation of our Water Department would improve the already satisfactory function, or assist any neighbouring district.

Apart from a few isolated properties, mains water is available to all properties in the district.

GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR HEALTH SERVICES
FOR THE AREA.

Public Health Officers.

Details of Officers are listed at the beginning of the Report.

Laboratory Facilities.

Bacteriological examinations of milk, water and ice cream are carried out for the Council by the County Public Health Laboratory at Northallerton. Chemical Analysis of water is carried out by Messrs. Fairley and Partner of Leeds.

Ambulance.

The North Riding County Council administer the ambulance and other health services in the area.

The Ambulance stations serving the area are situated at Haxby and Thirsk. Telephone Nos. York 68181, Thirsk 2234. (night and day).

In case of difficulty telephone, Easingwold 324 (day).

Except in cases of emergency, requests for ambulance will only be accepted from Medical Practitioners, Matrons and Almoners of Hospitals, Nurses at Clinics (acting for Medical Officer of Health) or duly authorised officers of the County Council Health Department.

District Nurses.

District Nurses who are responsible in their respective areas for Midwifery, Home Nursing and Health Visiting cover the following areas:-

Easingwold and Raskelf.

Nurse Dawson, 14, East Avenue, Easingwold. Tel. E/wold 483.

Stillington, Farlington, Marton, Brandsby, Crayke, Sutton-on-Forest, Huby, Yearsley and Whenby.

Nurse Burnett, Huby. Telephone - Stillington 242.

Alne, Tollerton, Youlton, Flawith, Aldwark, Beningbrough, Linton and Newton-upon-Ouse.

Nurse Horner, Aldwark. Telephone - Tollerton 201.

District Nurses (continued).

Coxwold, Oulston, Thornton Hill, Husthwaite, Carlton Husthwaite, Angram Grange, Thormanby, Newburgh, Wildon Grange and Oldstead.

Nurse Harris, Coxwold - Telephone - Coxwold 223.

Helperby, Myton-on-Swale, Tholthorpe, Brafferton.

Nurse Worsdale.

Domestic Help Service.

In accordance with Section 29 of the National Health Service Act, 1946, a scheme for the provision of Domestic Help operates in the area. Assistance up to a maximum of 44 hours in any one week can be provided, where requested, in all cases of illness, although priority is given to all cases of domicilliary confinement. Applicants for assistance are invited to either pay the standard charge of 3/0d. per hour or apply to be assessed according to their financial circumstances. In the majority of cases assistance is provided entirely free or at a very nominal sum. During the year confinement cases were helped, also domestic assistance was given due to sickness of the housewife and aged persons. The latter category require the largest amount of domestic help in terms of hours since usually the assistance is permanently supplied. This enables aged persons, particularly those who live alone, to maintain their own home as long as possible, thus delaying the evil day when institution care becomes necessary.

Any queries regarding this service can be answered at the Area Health Office, Manor Road, Easingwold - Telephone 324.

Infant Welfare Centres.

Infant Welfare Centres are open throughout the district at the places and times set out below:-

The Parish Hall, Newton-on-Ouse.

1st Wednesday in each month, 2 p.m.

The Institute, Coxwold,

2nd Wednesday in each month, 2 p.m.

The Clinic, Easingwold Grammar-Modern School.

Every second Thursday, 2 p.m.

(M) Royal Air Force Station, Linton-on-Ouse.

2 p.m. and 10 a.m. alternately each fortnight.

The Village Hall, Helperby.

1st Wednesday in each month, 2 p.m.

The Boy's Hall, Stillington.

1st Wednesday in each month, 2 p.m.

(M) Mobile Clinic.

Infant Welfare Centres (continued).

War Memorial Institute, Tollerton
3rd Wednesday in each month, 2 p.m.

CARE OF THE AGED: WELFARE: PREVENTION OF ILLNESS: CARE AND
AFTERCARE.

Your Medical Officer of Health, in his capacity as Assistant County Medical Officer, is responsible for the day to day administration of these and previously mentioned branches of Public Health. Co-operation with the Area Welfare Officer Mr. Barnes is a close one and frequent contact is made with Officers of the Children's Department, General Practitioners, Mental Health Social Workers, Hospital Almoners, N.S.P.C.C., etc.

The Area Health Committee to which many of the functions of the County Health Committee are delegated, has members representing the District Council.

VOLUNTARY CARE COMMITTEE.

This Committee, which meets quarterly in Easingwold, provides from funds allotted by the County Council, assistance to persons suffering from Tuberculosis. A free pint of milk is issued daily to all tubercular patients on the recommendation of the Chest Physician but the work of the care Committee is designed to assist further such cases towards recovery.

CAUSES OF DEATH.

				<u>1955.</u>		<u>1956.</u>	
				M.	F.	M.	F.
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	...	...	-	-	-	-
2.	Tuberculosis, other.	...	...	-	-	-	1
3.	Syphilitic diseases.	...	...	-	-	-	-
4.	Diphtheria.	...	...	-	-	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough.	...	...	-	-	-	-
6.	Meningococcal Infections.	...	...	-	-	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis.	...	...	-	-	-	-
8.	Measles.	...	...	-	-	-	-
9.	Other infective and par diseases.	...	...	-	-	1	-
10.	Malignant neoplasms, stomach.	...	...	-	2	2	1
11.	Lung, bronchus.	...	...	6	1	3	-
12.	Breast.	...	...	-	1	-	1
13.	Uterus.	...	...	-	-	-	-
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms.	...	...	8	7	3	9
15.	Leukæmia, aleukaemia.	...	...	1	-	-	-
16.	Diabetes.	...	...	-	2	1	-
17.	Vascular Lesions of the nervous system.	...	...	8	10	4	8
18.	Coronary disease, angina.	...	...	19	8	13	12
19.	Hypertension with heart disease.	...	...	2	2	1	-
20.	Other heart diseases.	...	...	10	6	11	11
21.	Other circulatory diseases.	...	...	-	1	4	-
22.	Influenza.	...	...	-	-	1	4
23.	Pneumonia.	...	...	1	1	3	3
24.	Bronchitis.	...	...	1	2	1	1
25.	Other diseases of the respiratory system.	...	...	4	-	-	1
26.	Ulcer of the stomach and duodenum. diarrhoea.	...	...	-	-	1	-
27.	Gastritis, enteritis.	...	...	-	-	-	1
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis.	...	...	4	1	-	-
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate.	...	...	1	-	3	-
30.	Pregnancy, child birth and abortion.	...	...	-	-	-	-
31.	Congenital Malforms.	...	...	-	2	1	1
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	...	...	9	8	9	6
33.	Motor Vehicle Accidents.	...	...	-	-	3	1
34.	All other accidents.	...	...	3	1	1	-
35.	Suicide.	...	...	2	-	-	1
36.	Homicide and operations of war.	...	...	-	-	-	-

TABLE " A ".

Notifiable Diseases during the Year 1956.Analysis of Ages.

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Under 1 Year</u>	<u>1 2</u>	<u>2 3</u>	<u>3 4</u>	<u>4 5</u>	<u>5 10</u>	<u>10 15</u>	<u>15 20</u>	<u>20 35</u>	<u>35 45</u>	<u>45 65</u>	<u>65 over</u>	<u>Total cases notified</u>
Measles.	2	5	2	4	10	23	4	1	-	-	-	-	50.
Enteric Fever.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.
Diphtheria.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.
Scarlet Fever.	-	1	1	-	1	8	3	1	-	-	-	-	15.
Pneumonia.	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	2	1	6	11.
Erysipelas.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1.
Whooping Cough.	-	1	-	-	-	4	1	-	1	-	-	-	7.
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.
Food Poisoning.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.
Meningococcal Meningitis.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.
Puerperal Pyrexia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.
Poliomyelitis.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.
<u>Total:</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>85.</u>
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	M. -	-	-	-	-	1	-	3	1	1	1	-	7.
	F. -	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	2.
<u>Total:</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>9.</u>
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	M. -	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	3.
	F. -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
<u>Total:</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>4.</u>
<u>Grand Total:</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>36</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>98.</u>

TABLE " A " (continued).

Notifiable Diseases during the Year, 1956.

ANALYSIS OF DEATHS.

Number of cases.	Under 1 Year.	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{2}{3}$	$\frac{3}{4}$	$\frac{4}{5}$	$\frac{5}{10}$	$\frac{10}{15}$	$\frac{15}{20}$	$\frac{20}{35}$	$\frac{35}{45}$	$\frac{45}{65}$	over 65.	Total Deaths.
0. Measles.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.
0. Enteric Fever.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.
0. Diphtheria.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.
0. Scarlet Fever.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.
0. Pneumonia.	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.
0. Erysipelas.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.
Whooping Cough.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.
Ophthalmia Neonatorum.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.
Food Poisoning.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.
Meningococcal Meningitis.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.
Puerperal Pyrexia.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.
Poliomyelitis.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.
Cerebro Spinal Meningitis.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0.
<u>Total:</u>	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	4	6.
Pulmonary M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis. F.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Total:</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	Nil.
Non-Pulmonary M.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tuberculosis. F.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	0.
<u>Total:</u>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1.
<u>Grand Total:</u>	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	7.

TABLE " B ".

Easingwold Rural District Council.

TUBERCULOSIS during
the Year, 1956.

<u>Age Periods.</u>	<u>New Cases.</u>				<u>Deaths.</u>			
	<u>Pulmonary.</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>			<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-pulmonary.</u>		
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
0.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
10.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15.	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
20.	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
25.	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45.	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
55.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and upwards.	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Total:	7	2	3	1	-	-	-	1

EASINGWOLD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Annual Report of the Senior Public Health Inspector and
Surveyor for the Year, 1956.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Easingwold Rural District Council.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the Sanitary Circumstances of the District for the year 1956. Substantial progress has been made during the year. By the completion of the Alne and Tollerton Sewage Schemes approximately 250 houses have been added to the number now provided with satisfactory means of sewerage and sewage disposal. If the full benefit of a very satisfactory water supply is to be gained it is most essential that steady progress in the provision of sewerage and sewage disposal works should be maintained. Ribbon building in the past between villages and the building of even a few houses at the extremities of the villages on flat ground makes new sewage schemes unnecessarily costly to construct.

Water Supply.

The Water Supply has been satisfactory. All the water supplied through the Council's mains is chlorinated.

Sixty-three samples of water were taken and submitted for bacteriological examination. Of these 3 were from private supplies, 35 were of chlorinated water from the public mains and 25 of the raw water before chlorination. The Analyst reported all the chlorinated samples as satisfactory, 15 of the raw water samples as unsatisfactory and 2 private supplies as unsatisfactory.

The water supplied is not liable to plumbosolvent action. Approximately 98% of the houses in the area are supplied from the Council's mains including about 70 by standpipe.

Housing.

Number of houses erected and completed during the year:-

- (i) By Local Authority. 20.
- (ii) By other bodies or persons. 11.

31.

The 20 houses erected and completed by the Local Authority in 1956 were distributed as follows:- Easingwold 8., Tollerton 10., Newton-on-Ouse 2.

At the end of 1956 the following 40 houses were in course of erection:- Alne 1 (private), Easingwold 24 (18 R.D.C.), Huby 1 (private), Myton-on-Swale 1 (private), Oulston 2 (private), Sutton-on-Forest 2 (private), Stillington 8 (R.D.C.), Tollerton 1 (private).

Seven houses have been discontinued as dwellings, all as a result of action taken under the Housing Acts. The need for new houses remains at approximately 200.

Public Cleansing.

This service which is carried out by the Council's employees with hired refuse collection vehicles, (two eleven cubic yard capacity, side loading end tippers with sliding covers and water-tight end doors) has been in operation nearly 6 years. In consequence of the erection of more dwellings the work has increased. In spite of this the service has been fairly well maintained. The frequency of collection of pail closets should be improved but this does not seem possible without employing extra labour and addition of equipment. The two vehicles are becoming more liable to stoppages owing to wear and tear.

Closet conversions continue at the rate of about 50 per year. Most of these conversions are in respect of privy middens the contents of which are removed monthly. In such cases dry ashes are, after conversion of the midden stored in dustbins which require more frequent emptying than the middens, and it is doubtful if there is any reduction of work and time. All refuse is disposed of in disused clay pits and quarries of which there are only a few available which are suitable. One way to lengthen the period of the use of the quarries as tips for refuse would be to take the appropriate part of the refuse, by separation, and to mix it with sewage sludge to form compost. This method is being widely advocated and the advantages would in my opinion more than make up for the extra work required.

Sewers and Sewage Disposal.

The new sewers and sewage disposal works are now in operation at Helperby and Brafferton with all houses now connected to the sewers. At Shipton work of connecting up houses is proceeding and should be finished within a few months.

The new works for Alne and Tollerton will also be completed shortly and the task of connecting up the houses can then be commenced.

The application to the Ministry for a loan to extend and improve the works at Easingwold, which are overloaded has been refused, after an Enquiry attended by a representative of the Ministry.

The Ministry of Housing and Local Government have approved the provision of new sewers and sewerage works at Huthwaite after a Public Enquiry. Other villages such as Huby, Sutton, Crayke, Raskelf and Stillington continue to be inadequately sewered and without proper provision for treatment of sewage and as more water closets are installed and more houses built conditions become progressively worse.

MEAT INSPECTION.

All meat and food inspection is carried out by your Public Health Inspectors. There are six private slaughterhouses licensed in the District and the appended table gives details of the animals slaughtered and inspected there during the year, 911 visits being made by the Inspectors for this purpose.

Owing to the scattered positions of these slaughterhouses and the times of slaughtering it is impossible to carry out to the full, the recommendations of the Ministry of Food with regard to ante-mortem inspection and even inspection during slaughter is only possible in a few cases. The majority of meat is inspected after completion of slaughter, sometimes the day after, and this increases the difficulty of inspection and reduces the amount of supervision possible.

In December petrol rationing added a further burden, as it is impossible to reduce mileage covered on this work without reducing also the efficiency of the inspection service with its potential danger to public health. It is indeed fortunate that the normal quality of animals slaughtered in the District is very high as proper supervision of poorer material is both essential and more difficult.

3 tons. 8 cwts. 3 qrs. 7 lbs. of meat and offals were found to be diseased or unsound and were condemned and sent for processing.

Much of this material derived from the 113 animals slaughtered in emergency.

1956.

Carcases inspected and condemned.

	Cattle Ex Cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses.
Number killed.	901	9	97	2392	910	-
" inspected.	901	9	97	2392	910	-
1 diseases except T.B. & Cysticerci.	3	1	5	26	5	-
Whole carcasses condemned.						
Carcasses of which some part organ was condemned.	60	1	-	22	11	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than T.B. & Cysticerci.	6.99%	22.2%	5.15%	2%	1.75%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned.	1	-	-	-	2	-
Carcasses of which some part organ was condemned.	14	-	-	-	7	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with T.B.	1.66%	-	-	-	0.99%	-
<u>Cysticercosis.</u>						
Carcass of which some part organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised & totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Food and Drugs Act, 1955 etc.

- (i) There are 112 food premises in the District, comprising, 11 butchers' shops, 43 grocers and greengrocers, 11 catering premises, 49 licensed premises and 6 fried fish shops. All premises have mains water available.
- (ii) Four butchers' premises are registered for sausage making etc. Seven dairies are registered for sale of bottled milk, all of which is Designated.
- (iii) Forty visits of inspection were made to Ice Cream premises, 21 to dairies and 160 to other food preparing premises during the year. All the licensed houses in the Bulmer Division of the District were visited in company with the Magistrates and police. Some of these premises are lacking in facilities such as hot water supplies, special sinks for washing glasses and adequate sanitary accommodation. Representations have been made to the Brewery Companies concerned and this has so far had little effect, although work has been commenced on a few alterations and plans are being drawn up for some others.
- (iv) Education courses in hygienic methods cannot be run in scattered rural area such as this, apart from there being insufficient staff to do so. Such education must be limited to personal instruction during routine visits and distribution of posters etc.
- (v) All condemned meat and offals are disposed of by digestion in a modern privately owned plant. Other foods of which normally only small quantities are condemned, are disposed of by burying in the Council's tip.
- (vi) There have been no special inspections of large consignments or of stocks of food during the year.
- (vii) No premises are registered for the manufacture of Ice Cream in this District; there are 32 premises retailing pre-packed Ice Cream.
- (viii) Food Hygiene Regulations 1955 - 1956.

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(viii) cont.

Hygiene Regulations.

All food preparing premises were circularised with the requirements of the new Regulations in the early part of the year.

Much progress has been made in the provision of washing facilities, hot water supplies, and other improvements to food premises.

Vans used for delivering and hawking food have been provided with hand washing facilities, and where appropriate shelving of non-absorbent material has been asked for and this work has been carried out in most cases. There are difficulties, however in small businesses, where the loss of use on the only van for perhaps a fortnight or more is virtually impossible unless a suitable replacement is available. Slow deliveries of vans have also held up some improvements. Four to six months wait for delivery of a van, suitably modified to carry food, is not uncommon.

I should like to place on record the helpful attitude of the majority of the trades people in the District who have co-operated very well in bringing premises and equipment into line with modern ideas of hygiene. Any delay in this work has generally been due to insufficient labour in the building and allied trades, rather than reluctance to have the necessary work done.

The existing staff of only 2 public health inspectors is not adequate to carry through a big programme of modernisation of all food premises in addition to the normal routine work of the Department.

Milk.

8 " Pasteurised " licences and 7 " Tuberculin Tested " licences were issued to dairymen to retail such milk in the District. There are no milk pasteurisation Plants in the District and no milk samples were taken during the year. Twenty-nine visits were made to retailers' premises.

Bakehouses.

Twenty visits have been paid to Bakehouses. Number in District - 5.
There are no underground Bakehouses in the District.

Rats and Mice Destruction.

The work of Rodent (Rats and Mice) destruction has been well maintained. There is evidence of a further reduction of the number of rats in the sewers. Generally, occupiers are quick to notify the presence of rats on their premises and are satisfied with the results following treatment.

Tents, Vans and Sheds.

The number of moveable dwellings in the District remains about the same. There are no holiday camp sites and no camps for seasonal workers for the harvesting of crops.

Factories & Workshops.

Fifteen inspections were made during the year.

Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

(a) The Number and nature of inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors during the year.

(i) Nature of Inspections.

Housing, Nuisances under the Public Health Act, Meat, Dairies, Refuse Collection and Disposal, Disinfestation, New Buildings, New and Existing Drainage, and Petroleum Storage, Rat Proofing of Buildings.

(ii) Number of Inspections and Visits..... 1,003

(b) The number of notices served.

(i) Statutory..... 1
(ii) Informal..... 196

(c) The result of the notices served.

(i) Statutory complied with.....	1.
(ii) Informal.....	184.

Sanitary Administration.

Rat Infestation Inspections.....	150.
Premises on which Poison Bait laid.....	110.
New Houses drained to sewers.....	26.
New houses drained to Cesspools or Septic Tanks....	5.
New Houses provided with Water Closets.....	31.
Earth Closets and Privies replaced with W.Cs.....	41.
New Houses provided with Earth Closets.....	0.
Existing premises provided with Water Closets and drained to sewers.....	33.
Existing premises provided with Water Closets and drained to Cesspools and other places.....	8.
Additional Water Closets provided to existing premises.....	9.
Existing houses re-drained.....	39.
Slaughterhouse Visits.....	911.
Dairies Inspections.....	29.

In conclusion I wish to express my thanks to the Officers of the Council who have always willingly rendered to me assistance in the discharge of my duties.

I am, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

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